

Let's continue to stand for the freedom of all.

And I, as well, stand for the freedom of Ukrainian women and Ukraine. I support their freedom and bravery as they fled to protect their families, but yet, those who stood their ground and are fighting on the front lines.

We must stop the heinous, evil, vile, and terrorist Mr. Putin, who is attacking Ukraine violently. We must win, and we must win right, and we must fight and preserve democracy.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3076. An act, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 66. An act to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes.

S. 2299. An act to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States:

Robert M. Scher of the District of Columbia.

MAKING AMERICA ENERGY INDEPENDENT

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, as gas prices across the country continue to soar, and with President Biden's announcement to ban Russian oil imports, it is time that America looked to our own backyard to meet our energy needs.

To ease the burden on hardworking Americans, we must increase domestic production to make America energy independent again.

We can no longer allow Russia, Venezuela, or oil from the Middle East to meet our energy needs. The Biden administration must commit to an America first strategy in oil production.

America must increase production so that we are not only energy independent but so that we can once again become a net exporter of oil and natural gas.

We must drill America, refine America, and we must buy American oil.

That is why I joined many of my Republican colleagues in a letter to President Biden requesting the administration open Federal lands to energy production, end unnecessary and burdensome bureaucratic regulations, and approve and expedite construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

President Biden must commit to these actions immediately to ease the burden on Americans at the pump.

ENDING RUSSIAN OIL IMPORTS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of ending Russian oil imports into our land.

Liberty is the shining jewel in America's crown. As Vladimir Putin unleashes his murderous fury on the people of Ukraine, we have a responsibility to stand up for liberty's defense, to inflict further pain on Putin and his war-related price hikes.

Now is the time to recommit ourselves to ensuring America's energy independence for the 21st century. We must take a stand and invest in our workers and our companies as U.S. oil and gas production is approaching all-time highs.

To Wall Street and the big corporate CEOs, now is the time to prioritize liberty and the well-being of hardworking Americans and their families, not just corporate profits and shareholder dividends.

Let's use this moment to develop a robust energy future to unleash across our land, across all energy technologies, our competitive edge.

Russian oil is the past. American energy innovation, ingenuity, and U.S. energy independence are within our grasp.

PAIN AT THE PUMP

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address Pennsylvanians' pain at the pump.

AAA reported Saturday that the average price for gas in Pennsylvania had reached \$4.08 a gallon, an all-time high. Gas in Pennsylvania was \$3.75 just a week ago and \$3.60 a month ago.

The most recent spike could be attributed to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but we know the cost of gas has continued to increase since President Biden's inauguration.

From day one, President Biden has stifled domestic energy production. His policies established new regulations governing methane emissions, overturned resolutions to reform EPA oil and gas rules, and halted new oil and gas leases on Federal lands and waters. These actions have resulted in energy poverty for many Americans across the United States.

When this administration chose to shut down domestic energy production, it opened the United States and our allies to energy instability and insecurity. Instead of reversing course, President Biden is emboldening dictators around the world by relying on their energy reserves.

A ban on Russian oil is a step in the right direction, but it is incomplete if we do not reopen the United States for domestic energy production.

PROHIBITING CERTAIN IMPORTS AND NEW INVESTMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUED RUSSIAN FEDERATION EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF UKRAINE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 117-100)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BROWN of Ohio) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I report that I have issued an Executive Order finding that the Russian Federation's unjustified, unprovoked, unyielding, and unconscionable war against Ukraine, including its recent further invasion in violation of international law, including the United Nations Charter, further threatens the peace, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and thereby constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

As a result, I have prohibited the following: (i) the importation into the United States of the following products of Russian Federation origin: crude oil; petroleum; petroleum fuels, oils, and products of their distillation; liquefied natural gas; coal; and coal products; (ii) new investment in the energy sector in the Russian Federation by a United States person, wherever located; and (iii) any approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee by a United States person, wherever located, of a transaction by a foreign person where the transaction by that foreign person would be prohibited by this section if performed by a United States person or within the United States.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 8, 2022.